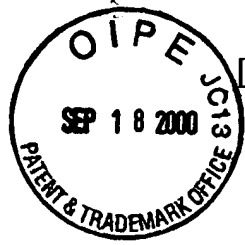


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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, 37 CFR §1.97(c) and 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2), applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the reference listed on the Supplemental Modified 1449 Form submitted herewith, i.e., Japanese Patent Publication No. 02-183131 (the "'131 publication").

The '131 publication was cited in a March 15, 2000 Office Action regarding applicants' parent application No. 09/101,630. Upon receiving the '131 publication, applicants arranged to have an English translation prepared and that translation was received by applicants on June 15, 2000. A copy of the '131 publication and its English translation are enclosed.

The undersigned certifies that this reference was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and that although the reference in Japanese was cited more than three months ago in applicants' parent application, the translation of

the reference was not known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Accordingly no fee under 37 CFR §1.97(c) is believed to be due for this submission. However, if such a fee is due, applicants request that the Commissioner charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 11-1158.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial a copy of the Supplemental Modified 1449 Form and return it to applicants to indicate consideration of the reference listed thereon in connection with the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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